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**JGFDS-PR-195 FUNDS SUPPORT BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY
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SUPERVISOR FUNDS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS IN BLOOMINGTON

SAN BERNARDINO – In the coming months Bloomington residents will see a former fire station transform into a new community education center and new picnic sites installed at Ayala Park.

The Board of Supervisor today approved Supervisor Gonzales' allocation of \$120,000 for two community improvement projects in the unincorporated area.

Most of the funds will be used to convert the fire station building once occupied by Libreria del Pueblo into a community education center, equipped with a computer lab and classroom area. The changes will allow the County Superintendent of Schools to offer expanded youth education programs to the Bloomington community.

Ayala Park renovations will replace damaged picnic sites with 20 new vinyl coated metal tables and benches. The \$25,000 construction project will include three handicap accessible picnic sites with concrete pads, walkways and nearby handicap parking spaces.

"These specific projects bring much needed educational and health related benefits to the community of Bloomington and have a special focus on youth," said Supervisor Gonzales.

"While the education center will offer the technology support for students who need access to a computer lab to complete homework assignments, the improvements to Ayala Park hopefully will entice families to enjoy more afternoons outdoors, exercising and playing together," Gonzales said.

Plans for the renovation projects are underway with completion anticipated by summer 2008.

The Fifth District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and the eastern part of the city of Fontana.

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